

The Tragedie

God keepe you from them, and from such false friends.

*Prin.* God keepe me from false friends, but they were none.

*Glo.* My Lord, the Maior of London comes to greete you.

*Enter Lord Maior.*

*Lo. M.* God blesse your Grace, with health and happy daies.

*Prin.* I thanke you good my L. and thanke you all:

I thought my mother and my brother Yorke,

Would long ere this haue met vs on the way:

Fie, what a slug is Hastings that he comes not

To tell vs whether they will come or no.

*Enter L. Ha.*

*Buck.* And in good time heere comes the sweating Lord.

*Prin.* Welcome my Lord, what, will our mother come?

*Hast.* On what occasion God he knowes not I:

The Queene your mother, and your brother Yorke

Haue taken Sanctuarie: The tender Prince

Would faine come with me to meete your Grace,

But by his mother was perforce withheld.

*Buc.* Fie, what an indirect and peeuish course

Is this of hers? Lord Cardinall, will your Grace

Perswade the Queene they send the Duke of Yorke

Vnto his princely brother presently?

If she denie, Lord Hastings go with them,

And from her ieaious armes plucke him perforce.

*Car.* My L. of Buckingham, if my weake oratorie

Can from his mother winne the Duke of Yorke,

Anon expect him heere: but if she be obdurate

To milde entreaties, God forbid

We should infringe the holy priuiledge

Of blessed Sanctuarie: not for all this land,

Would I be guiltie of so great a sinne.

*Buck.* You are too sencelesse obstinate my Lord,

Too ceremonious and traditionall.

Weigh it but with the grosenesse of this age,

You breake not Sanctuarie in seazing him:

The benefit thereof is alwaies granted

To those whose dealings haue deserued the place,

And those who haue the wit to claime the place.

This Prince hath neither claimed it, nor deserued it,

And therefore in mine opinion cannot haue it.

of Richard the third.

Then taking him from thence that is not there,

You breake no priuiledge nor charter there:

Oft haue I heard of Sanctuarie men,

But Sanctuarie children neuer till now.

*Car.* My Lord, you shall ouerrule my minde for once:

Come on Lord Hastings, will you go with me?

*Hast.* I go my Lord. *Exit. Car. & Hast.*

*Pri.* Good Lords make all the speedie hast you

Say Vncle Gloucester, if our brother come, (may.

Where shall we sojourne till our Coronation?

*Glo.* Where it thinkst best vnto your royall selfe:

If I may counsel you some day or two,

Your highnesse shall repose you at the Tower:

Then where you please & shalbe thought most fit

For your best health and recreation.

*Pri.* I do not like the Tower of any place:

Did Iulius Cæsar build that place my Lord?

*Buck.* He did, my gracious L. begin that place,

Which since succeding ages haue reedified.

*Prin.* Is it vpon record, or els reported

Succesliuely from age to age he built it?

*Buck.* Vpon record my gracious Lord.

*Prin.* But say my Lord it were not registred,

Me thinkes the truth should liue from age to age,

As were retaild to all posteritie,

Euen to the generall ending day.

*Glo.* So wise, so yong, they say do neuer liue long:

*Prin.* What say you Vncle?

*Glo.* I say, without Characters fame liues long:

Thus like the formall vice, iniquitie,

I moralize two meanings in one word.

*Prin.* That Iulius Cæsar was a famous man,

With what his valour did enrich his wit,

His wit set downe to make his valour liue:

Death makes no conquest of his conquerour,

For now he liues in fame, though not in life:

Ile tell you what my Cousen Buckingham.

*Buck.* What my gracious Lord?

*Prin.* And if I liue vntill I be a man,